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ASAP Accident and Incident Prevention Goals

- Collect and analyze voluntarily provided flight safety data provided by individual line employees
- Provide non-punitive corrective action to prevent accidents and incidents
- Measure overall system performance
- Ensure accountability and integration with other flight safety programs



Update on ASAP Program Status

- AA Flight Department ASAP program in operation since June
 1, 1994 (approximately 17,000 reports received to date)
- Dispatch and Maintenance & Engineering Departments added in '97 & '98
- Current Letter of Agreement signed by FAA February 1998
- Letter of Agreement will expire June 21, 1999 unless extended



ASAP Data and Information Definitions

- Data refers to unedited reports, facts and quantitative details associated with an event
- Information refers to the summaries, analyses and qualitative details derived from data and corrective actions
- Corrective actions refer to accident prevention measures taken in response to a safety concern



Obstacles to Safety Information Exchange

- FAA Legal Enforcement Policy (interpretation of Public Law 103-272)
- Discovery:
 - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
 - Civil Litigation (subpoena)



Solutions to Safety Information Exchange

- Review and amend Public Law 103-272 as necessary to support ASAP and FOQA
- Ensure FAA Legal Enforcement Policy is consistent with legislative and regulatory support of ASAP and FOQA
- Develop ASAP and FOQA programs industry-wide



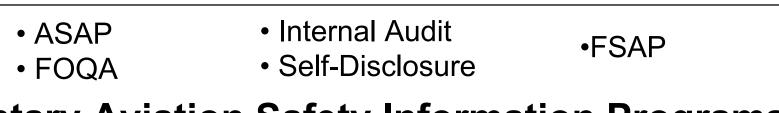
Solutions to Safety Information Exchange (cont.)

- Establish the following Partnership Councils:
 - Operators Council composed of operators and unions facilitated by the Air Transport Association
 - Government Advisory Council composed of FAA, NTSB and other government selected parties facilitated by NASA ASRS



Solutions to Safety Information Exchange (cont.)

- Provide safety data to NASA ASRS to achieve:
 - Limited exemption from FOIA through
 Exemption 4 and the Space Act Agreement
 - Use and transactional immunities from FAA legal enforcement (FAR 91.25)



Voluntary Aviation Safety Information Programs

